

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on March 28, 2008 has been entered.

Examiner's Amendment

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this Examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Craig W. Schmoyer on June 2, 2008.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

CLAIMS

- **Claims 11 and 21** – Please cancel these claims.
- **Claim 12 (line 2)** – Please delete “control of” and replace with “means for controlling”.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. **Claims 1, 2, 4 – 10, 12 – 17, and 22 (now respectively renumbered 1, 2, 3 – 6, 8, 9, 7, 10 – 15, and 16)** are allowed.

5. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art discloses (specifically, Ahn et al.; Lim; Park et al.; Park; and Kang; see attached form PTO-892) a cellular (including mobile, portable, and wireless) telephone having a digital camera included in a hinge portion of the telephone, where the hinge portion provides a hinge such that a top half of the telephone may be folded onto a bottom half of the telephone and, vice versa. The closest art also discloses where the digital camera is automatically rotatable, via both powered and/or mechanically means, or manually rotatable, via a user, both with the hinge and/or independently of the hinge. Finally, the closest prior disclose the use of various power transmission means, deceleration means, elastic retaining means, internal rotors, connectors, hooks, and elastic sub-parts to actually perform the rotation of the digital camera.

However, the closest prior art do not teach or fairly suggest a camera assembly within a mobile communication device that includes a portion adapted to rotate said camera, where the portion includes, among other things, a means for decelerating a rotational force of a motor for the purpose of rotating said camera such that the means for decelerating includes, among other things, a frictional plate that is positioned between the digital camera and a deceleration rotational axle, wherein the frictional plate transmits driving force to the camera when the deceleration rotational axle is driven by the motor and stops without rotation against a manual rotation of the camera when the motor is in a power-off state.

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6. Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Justin P Misleh whose telephone number is 571.272.7313. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on 571.272.7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571.273.8300.

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**/Justin P. Misleh/
Examiner, Art Unit 2622
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